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The Honorable Arlan Meekhof
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Dear Majority Leader Meekhof:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association (MLBA) and the 1,400+ members we represent in support of legislation that will create a framework for Transportation Network Companies (TNC's) to operate ridesharing platforms in the state.

Our belief is that TNC's offer our members another option for safe and reliable transportation to and from their establishments for their customers and their employees.

The MLBA is Michigan's first and only bar, restaurant and tavern owners' association and we are committed to the safety of our customers and communities. These bills will help us in achieving that mission.

A recent study, completed by a TNC in conjunction with Mothers Against Drunk Driving, found ridesharing is having a significant impact across the country, providing people with safer options than getting behind the wheel of their cars if they are planning to drink. It is clear, companies like Lyft and Uber can help ensure a safe and reliable ride home is always within easy reach for our customers.

As this committee reviews these bills, we ask that you do so in a way that will foster TNC's in our state. While commonsense regulation is needed to ensure proper safety for our residents, it must not be done to overregulate the industry and hamper or add unnecessary barriers to TNC's that want to operate in our state.

Michiganders want a full range of safe, affordable, reliable and convenient transportation options whether going to work, on vacation, or going out to their favorite bar or nightclub. We ask for your support of legislation to grow the TNC marketplace in the state.

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